Marina recalled his interest in a new job

The widow of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald testified in 1964 her husband had found a job opening that would provide "more interesting work" at about the time he purportedly wrote a letter to a "Mr. Hunt" on Nov. 8, 1963, asking for "information concerning my position."

Mrs. Oswald was being questioned by J. Lee Rankin, general counsel for the Warren Commission, when she testified about Oswald's interest in a new job.

At the time, he was working in the Texas School Book Depository Building from where the Warren Commission alleged he fired the shots that killed President John F. Kennedy two weeks later on Nov. 22, 1963.

The testimony on Feb. 4, 1964, was as follows:

Rankin: Did your husband come back (to Irving) from Dallas on Nov. 8?

MRS. OSWALD: I don't remember.

Rankin: Do you know whether he came back on Saturday (Nov. 9) of that week?

Mrs. Oswald: I remember that there was one weekend when he didn't come on a Friday, but said that he would come on a Saturday. And he said that that was because he wanted to visit another place—supposedly there was another job open, more interesting work.

Rankin: Did he say where this other job was that he thought was more interesting?

Mrs. Oswald: He said that this was also based upon an ad in a newspaper, and that it was connected—that it was related to photography. And he went there in the morning and then—on a Saturday—and then came to us, still during the morning.

Rankin did not pursue this line of questioning any further to try to determine the type of job opening in which Oswald had become interested.

THE JOB OPENING of Nov. 8-9, 1963, came up again during Warren Commission testimony one month later when assistant counsel Albert E. Jenner Jr. was quizzing Mrs. Ruth Paine. Mrs. Oswald, estranged from her husband, was living in Mrs. Paine's home in Irving.

Jenner asked if Nov. 8 and 9 were the dates that Oswald "called from Dallas and said to Marina that he would not be in that Friday afternoon because he was going to do some job hunting the next morning, and that he would come the next day?"

Mrs. Paine replied that she couldn't "recall any discussion, nor did I have any idea that there had been any occasion when he had to look for a different job."

Mrs. Paine's typewriter was used by Oswald on Nov. 9 to write a letter from himself and his wife to the Russian Embassy in Washington.

He told of his trip about one month earlier to Mexico City, where he had contacted the Soviet Embassy in an unsuccessful attempt to travel to Havana, Cuba. He also asked about his application for a visa to return to the Soviet Union.

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